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Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 61/143 of 19 December 2006, entitled "Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women",

Deeply concerned about the pervasiveness of violence against women and girls in all its forms and manifestations worldwide, and reiterating the need to intensify efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls throughout the world,

Stressing that States have the obligation to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and must exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls and to provide protection to the victims, and that failure to do so violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Expressing its appreciation for the high number of activities undertaken by the United Nations bodies, entities, funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to eliminate all forms of violence against women,



1. *Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" pursuant to resolution 61/143;*¹

2. *Welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to spearhead a multi-year system-wide campaign to eliminate violence against women and girls through 2015, focusing on global advocacy, United Nations leadership and strengthened efforts and partnerships at the national and regional levels;*

3. *Calls upon all United Nations bodies, entities, funds, programmes and the specialized agencies, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to intensify their efforts at all levels to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and to better coordinate their work, inter alia, through the Task Force on Violence against Women of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality;*

4. *Urges the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality to intensify its efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women in order for it to operate as a system-wide funding mechanism for preventing and redressing all forms of violence against women and girls;*

5. *Stresses that within the United Nations system adequate resources should be assigned to those bodies, specialized agencies, funds and programmes responsible for the promotion of gender equality and women's rights and to efforts throughout the United Nations system to eliminate violence against women and girls, supports the commitment of the Task Force on Violence against Women to undertake a resource flow analysis to assess the available resources for this work and elaborate recommendations for their most effective and efficient use, and urges the United Nations system to respond swiftly to those recommendations once issued;*

6. *Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to develop and propose a set of possible indicators on violence against women, building on the work of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, in order to assist States in assessing the scope, prevalence and incidence of violence against women, with a view to allowing its consideration by the Statistical Commission at the earliest possible time;*

7. *Also requests the Secretary-General, in his report to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, containing, as requested in resolution 61/143, information provided by States on their follow-up activities to implement resolution 61/143, to include also information provided by the United Nations bodies, funds and programmes and specialized agencies on recent follow-up activities to implement resolution 61/143 and the present resolution, and urges United Nations bodies, entities, funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to contribute promptly to the report;*

8. *Decides to continue its consideration of this question at its sixty-third session under the item entitled "Advancement of women".*

¹ A/62/201.